

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2951

To authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SALMON CREEK WATERSHED, WASHINGTON,**
4 **WATER MANAGEMENT STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Reclama-
6 tion may conduct a study to investigate the opportunities
7 to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek
8 Watershed, a tributary to the Upper Columbia River sys-

1 tem, Okanagoan County, Washington, so as to restore and
2 enhance fishery resources (especially the endangered
3 Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead), while
4 maintaining or improving the availability of water supplies
5 for irrigation practices vital to the economic well-being of
6 the county.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the study under sub-
8 section (a) shall be to derive the benefits of and further
9 the objectives of the comprehensive, independent study
10 commissioned by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville
11 Reservation and the Okanagoan Irrigation District, which
12 provides a credible basis for pursuing a course of action
13 to simultaneously achieve fish restoration and improved ir-
14 rigation conservation and efficiency.

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